

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1005

April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Granger:

I am requesting \$899,000.00 in funding for the "Morehouse College - Black Male STEM Education Research Initiative" in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Morehouse College, located at 830 Westview Dr., SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

The Morehouse College STEM Careers Pipeline program will support STEM majors at Morehouse College. Participants (40) will receive \$5,000 per semester for up to 8 semesters. Additionally, the program will include peer mentor scholars (10) will receive a \$10,000 scholarship for their senior year.

This is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it supports the pipeline of STEM majors into the workforce. According to a new report from the Department of Defense (DoD), companies are being faced with a shortage of qualified workers to meet current demands as well as needing to integrate a younger workforce with the 'right skills, aptitude, experience, and interest to step into the jobs vacated by senior-level engineers and skilled technicians' as they exit the workforce."

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress